

Even though we encountered strenuous resistance from special interests, Senator WELLSTONE was always truly willing to risk everything for our cause to help people with addiction. He was absolutely relentless in his efforts to push for parity, both for people with chemical addiction, and those suffering from mental illness. PAUL would call me frequently, and usually late at night, to breathlessly relay his progress in securing another cosponsor for our bill or to ask for advice; or usually to give advice. I came to absolutely cherish those late night phone calls from my friend.

As William Cope Moyers, vice president of the Hazelden Foundation in Minnesota, the world-renowned treatment center for chemically dependent people, put it, "Senator WELLSTONE was a passionate champion of what we do at Hazelden, and his loss is immeasurable."

Not only did we lose two deeply committed champions for battered women and people with addiction, and so many other Americans, I lost two of my dearest friends in that plane crash. I have been asked many times since the crash to share personal stories about the Wellstones. It has been absolutely heart warming to share personal memories about PAUL and Sheila with people throughout Minnesota.

And as we all know, in this body as well as the other body, PAUL WELLSTONE took his job very seriously, but he never, ever took himself too seriously. He had a great ability to poke fun at himself and bring people together. Even when he had policy disagreements with people, he always disagreed in an agreeable way, flashing that contagious Wellstone smile and slapping the person on the back in a warm, loving way.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to finish this eulogy to our departed comrade and friend.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair cannot entertain that request. The gentleman has been recognized for 5 minutes. The Chair would entertain a request from the gentleman to revise and extend his remarks in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. The gentleman may complete his oral thought, and conclude his remarks.

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, one of my favorite recollections of PAUL was the time he was considering a campaign for President. Before he got on the airplane for our weekly commute back to Minnesota, I instructed all of the regular commuters to start humming "Hail to the Chief" as soon as PAUL got on the plane.

On cue, the passengers struck up a cord of "Hail to the Chief," and PAUL saw me sitting in the back and came right over to me and said "Ramstad, do not forget. I might be only 5 feet 5 and you are 6 feet 3, but don't ever forget I was a wrestler and you were only a basketball player."

That was PAUL WELLSTONE, always in good humor, always flashing that con-

tagious smile that reflected his love for all people.

Mr. Speaker, in conclusion, PAUL WELLSTONE was a person of great courage. Who can forget Senator WELLSTONE painfully walking around the Capitol bent nearly double from the back injuries he had sustained as a wrestler and from his struggles with multiple sclerosis, but always the first to run back into the kitchen of the Senate Dining Room to thank the cooks and dishwashers for his meals.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all in this body to pause for a silent moment to pay our respects to PAUL and Sheila WELLSTONE, their daughter Marcia, and to the others who perished in that plane crash, Tom Lapic, Mary McEvoy, Will McLaughlin, Richard Conry and Michael Guess. My heart goes out to the family members left behind and to PAUL's dedicated staff. May you rest in peace, dear friends. Amen.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, it is ordered that the gentleman's written extension of his remarks will be included in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

There was no objection.

REPUBLICANS HAVE HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 23, 2002, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, the election is over and we know the results: The Republicans retained the majority in the House of Representatives and actually will now have the majority in the Senate; in fact, will control the Presidency and both Houses of Congress for quite a while.

I want to congratulate the Republican Party and the President, but I want to also point out that now that they are in charge of everything in Washington, they have a heavy responsibility, and one of the responsibilities they have is on an issue I talked about a great deal here on the floor of the House of Representatives and that is on health care reform.

There is absolutely no question that during the course of the campaign, and well before that, that I heard from my constituents about the need for a Medicare prescription drug benefit, about the fact that so many who now have health care insurance are losing their insurance and are afraid even if they have a job about whether or not that health insurance will continue to be affordable. And I also heard from a number of my constituents, and I know my colleagues did as well, about the need for HMO reform and a Patients' Bill of Rights.

I must say it disturbed me that during the course of the campaign that the Republicans, in talking about some of these issues, I think have done a spin on the issues in a fashion that was not

completely honest about what their agenda was on some of these very important issues, particularly the need to provide a prescription drug benefit and the need to make sure that the costs of prescription drugs would not continue to climb.

I want to point out in particular the effort on the part of the drug manufacturers, the prescription drug manufacturers, to influence the election, to spend a tremendous amount of money trying to convince the electorate that Republicans were really going to effectively address the issue of affordable prescription drugs. I think that much of it was advertising, trying to convince the public that the Republican plan was a good one when in fact it was not.

I have a clip that was in my local newspaper by the Associated Press on Saturday, November 9, and it says, "Drugmakers Glad for GOP Wins."

"Experts say the pharmaceutical industry's heavy spending in the election paid off in a Republican Congress that will certainly be more sympathetic to its views."

There is a quote that says, "'The pharmaceutical companies spent a lot of money and they are going to be looking for a payback,' said Stephen Schondelmeyer, director of the Pharmaceutical Research in Management Economics, or PRIME."

The article continues, "Investors are also optimistic. Pharmaceutical stocks rose an average of 2.25 percent in the 2 days following the election compared with a 1.12 percent increase in the overall market, according to Morningstar.com."

The problem is that the Republicans were also funneling money into so-called senior groups that were nothing more than a front for the pharmaceutical industry. The pharmaceutical industry was the ninth largest political contributor during the 2002 election; 73 percent of the \$18.1 million it doled out went to Republican candidates, according to the Center for Responsible Politics. It also reportedly funneled \$16 million to two senior citizen groups that ran ads supporting Republican candidates.

There is another article in the New York Times from Sunday, October 20, that talks about United Seniors Association, a conservative group, that acknowledges it receives financing from the drug industry's major trade group, and they ran ads in various districts, mostly saying Republicans had the right answers to the prescription drug problem facing seniors.

Now I say that the Republican answer to prescription drugs is basically to privatize Medicare. They wanted to give some money to seniors on the theory that they would take that money and go out and buy drug insurance in the private market.

The Democrats talked during the campaign, and continue to talk, about the need to just expand the existing Medicare program to provide a prescription drug benefit the same way we

do with doctors' bills: Pay \$25 a month, get 80 percent of the costs of prescription drugs covered by the Federal Government through Medicare. There is a \$100 deductible and a 20 percent copayment.

I would hate to see the Republicans take the election results as a mandate to say they should not have a Medicare prescription drug benefit and instead should move towards a private scheme. Frankly, I do not think that is what the average senior wants. I do not think that is what the average senior thinks that the Republican Party stands for.

The problem is that the Republican Party, through the pharmaceutical industry, spent so much money convincing the electorate that this is the way to go, I do not think that the public really understands what the Republican proposal for prescription drug benefit is all about.

The same is true with regard to the need for health insurance and also with HMOs, and we will get into that another time. But I am simply saying to my colleagues on the Republican side, if they want to see progress on health care reform, sit down with the Democrats and work with us because this is something that must be addressed on a bipartisan basis in the next Congress.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 44 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, all religious traditions exhort disciples of faith to open their minds, their hearts, and any door with the gracious gift of hospitality. You ask Your people to be considerate to every stranger and every visitor. Bless today this House of Representatives as we welcome the newly-elected to orientation and receive again visitors from across this country and from other nations. May all who come here find in congressional Members, staff, the Capitol Police, official guides and all who work here, people of Your own making, who are gracious in manner, kind in word, generous in time, and open to every question and need of a guest.

In the midst of the primary tasks You set before this Congress, may we all find in this place a rich experience of America's great gifts of freedom,

equal justice, productivity, and true happiness. Bless us here and bless America now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CULBERSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CULBERSON led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the House by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

COMMUNICATION FROM CASEWORK DIRECTOR/OFFICE AND SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR OF HON. JOHN M. MCHUGH, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from Joann E. Humphries, Casework Director/Office and Systems Administrator of the Hon. JOHN M. MCHUGH, Member of Congress:

NOVEMBER 7, 2002.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House, that I have been served with a trial subpoena for testimony and documents issued by the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoenas is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

JOANN E. HUMPHRIES,
*Casework Director/
Office and Systems Administrator.*

PRAISING THE FIVE HIGGINS BROTHERS FROM SOUTH CAROLINA

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, with yesterday marking Veterans Day, I rise to commend the valiant service of all of the men and women who have served America in the armed forces. In particular, I want to recognize the Higgins family of Colum-

bia, South Carolina who had 5 sons serving our Nation during World War II.

Elliott Higgins served as a Captain with Army Intelligence under General George Patton in Germany; Harold Higgins served as a Sergeant with the Army Air Corps in Europe; John Higgins served as a Corporal with the Army on stateside assignments; Patrick Higgins enlisted with the Merchant Marines in the North Atlantic; and the youngest, Ross Higgins, at age 17 joined the Navy and served in the Pacific Theater.

We should also remember the five Sullivan brothers from Iowa who died together on the USS Juneau after the Japanese torpedoed their ship. After their deaths, President Roosevelt began a policy that brothers should serve in different branches of the Armed Forces.

This enabled the 5 Higgins brothers to serve our Nation with honor, and we will always be indebted to the sacrifices made for our country by veterans and their families.

TIME FOR CONGRESS TO ADDRESS THE ECONOMY

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, during morning hour and once again, I want to thank or congratulate, I should say, the Republicans on their election victories last Tuesday, but I would say that now that they will control both the House and the other body, as well as the presidency, they have the obligation to address the Nation's economic woes. They cannot continue to mask the economic slump that we face.

During the last week, there was news, this is in the International Herald Tribune from November 2 to 3 of this year, and it says, "Indications that the United States may be headed for a renewed slump have piled up over the last week, with weakness spreading from manufacturing to employment to consumer spending. The bad news culminated Friday with reports of a rising jobless rate and softness in a variety of other indicators."

"The government reported that the unemployment rate rose last month to 5.7 percent from 5.6 percent the previous month."

"In yet another bit of bad news, a survey that tracks activity of corporate purchasing managers, a key gauge of manufacturing strength, showed another drop. The Institute for Supply Management said its manufacturing index fell once again."

The Republicans are in the majority now and soon in both Houses. They have to address the economy. It is their obligation to do so, Mr. Speaker.

PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN

(Mr. EHLERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1